

REMARKS

The examiner's refusal to enter the amendment after final mailed August 12, 2004, is not understood. The examiner states that the limitations of claim 9 inserted into claim 1 would require further search and consideration since they were not searched and addressed in the final office action. Is it the examiner's position that claim 9 has never been properly searched and considered?

In the final rejection, paragraph four, claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 (which includes claim 9) were rejected over Johnson in view of Klapper. In the examiner's action mailed November 20, 2003, paragraph two, claims 1, 3, 4 and 8-10 were rejected over Johnson in view of Klapper. Claim 9 clearly is included within those rejections.

Claim 9 was dependent on claim 1. Thus, claim 1 as attempted to be amended would be equivalent to former claim 9.

The only conceivable way amended claim 1 could raise new issues is if claim 9 had never previously been properly examined.

A more complete explanation of the examiner's refusal to enter the amendment after final rejection is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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